

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 3853

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT HOUSE BILL 829 SPONSORED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN AVILA PROHIBITING TOLLS AND EXPRESS LANES ON STATE ROAD 826/PALMETTO EXPRESSWAY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in September 2019, the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) began tolling on the new managed toll lanes, also known as express lanes, along State Road 826/Palmetto Expressway (“State Road 826”); and

WHEREAS, the new express lanes were intended to create a northbound and southbound express route on State Road 826 between West Flagler Street and NW 154th Street; and

WHEREAS, commuters have expressed the increase of traffic congestion along State Road 826 stemming from limited access on to the express lane, and the elimination or narrowing of lanes; and

WHEREAS, House Bill (HB) 829 by Representative Bryan Avila (R-Hialeah), has been filed for consideration during the 2020 session for the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, HB 829 prohibit the existence of any tolling and express lanes on State Road 826, require that the express lanes that currently exist on State Road 826 be immediately opened to the public, require any existing tolls on said road to be immediately removed, and prohibit any future tolls being imposed on said road; and

WHEREAS, Senator Manny Diaz Jr. is the Senate sponsor (SB1090); and

WHEREAS, the Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City to urge the Legislature not to implement tolled express lanes on State Road 826/Palmetto Expressway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Legislature Encouraged. The Florida Legislature is hereby encourage to pass House Bill 829 which shall prohibit tolls and express lanes along State Road 826/Palmetto Expressway.

Section 3. Transmittal. The City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Representative Bryan Avila, State Senator Manny Diaz Jr., Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation, Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Mitchell, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Zapata, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Bob Best	<u>YES</u>
Councilwoman Mara Zapata	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Jaime Petralanda	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Billy Bain	<u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 27^h day of January, 2020.



BILLY BAIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ERIKA GONZALEZ-SANTAMARIA, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMANN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY